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SUBJECT: GENEVA GROUP CONSULTATIVE LEVEL XIV: U.K. NON-PAPER

FOLLOWING IS FULL TEXT OF U.K. "NON-PAPER" FOR GENEVA GROUP CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA ITEM (1)(B)(II) ON THE PROBLEMS OF COORDINATION BETWEEN THE PROGRAM FORMULATION PROCESS AND THE BUDGETARY PROCESS. BEGIN TEXT.

GENEVA GROUP (GENERAL): INDICATIVE PLANNING AND PROGRAMME CONTROL

1. THE CONSENSUS AT THE MEETING ON 26 OCTOBER ON THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE TWO ELEMENTS ON OUR APPROACH TO THE CONTROL OF UN EXPENDITURE, IN THE MEDIUM AND LONG TERM, SEEMED TO BE IN FAVOR OF A THREE-STAGE PROCESS ON THE FOLLOWING LINES:

A) AN INDICATIVE FINANCIAL TARGET FOR GROWTH, IN REAL TERMS, WOULD BE DETERMINED NATIONALLY FOR EACH AGENCY OR ELEMENT IN THE UN SYSTEM (PRESUMABLY FORMULATE PRIMARILY BY THE FINANCIALLY RESPONSIBLE MINISTRY IN THE LIGHT OF OVERALL NATIONAL CONSIDERATIONS); WOULD BE CO-ORDINATED IN THE GENEVA GROUP; AND COMMUNICATED TO THE RESPECTIVE AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION AT AN EARLY UNCLASSIFIED

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STAGE IN ITS BUDGET CYCLE;

B) PROGRAMME PROPOSALS WOULD BE DRAWN UP IN CAPITALS IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THAT TARGET AND CONSISTENT WITH IT. THESE PROPOSALS WOULD IN TURN BE CO-ORDINATED AMONG THE VISITING EXPERTS AT MEETINGS OF THE GENEVA GROUP PRIOR TO THE PROGRAMME AND/OR BUDGET MEETINGS OF EACH AGENCY OR ORGANIZATION;

C) ALL NEW PROPOSALS PUT FORWARD AT PROGRAMME AND/OR BUDGET MEETINGS BY THIRD COUNTRIES WHICH APPEARED TO HAVE MAJOR FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WOULD BE DISCUSSED FROM THAT ANGLE WITHIN THE GENEVA GROUP BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED BY GENEVA GROUP DELEGATIONS.

THE INDICATIVE TARGET FIGURE WOULD BE THE GUIDING FACTOR. CONFLICTS BETWEEN IT AND PROGRAMME PROPOSALS WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, BE RESOLVED BY DECISIONS ON PRIORITIES RATHER THAN BY CHANGES IN THE TARGET FIGURE. THE TARGET FIGURE ITSELF WOULD, IN PRINCIPLE, ONLY BE CHANGED, WHETHER UPWARDS OR DOWNWARDS, FOR ECONOMIC OR BROAD POLITICAL REASONS. THIS SCENARIO DOES NOT OF COURSE DEAL WITH THE SHORT-TERM PROBLEM OF OUR REACTIONS TO BUDGETS DRAWN UP IN IGNORANCE OF OUR IDEAS ON BUDGET GROWTH; NOR OF OUR REACTION IN THE EVENT THAT OUR VIEWS WERE REJECTED BY SECRETARIATS OR OTHER MEMBERS - THOUGH THE INDICATIONS ARE THAT OUR VIEWS WOULD BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY BY THE SECRETARIATS.
END TEXT. SORENSON

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